

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
ABERDEEN DIVISION**

**PAUL N. ROYAL, as Administrator *Ad Litem*
For the Estate of RICKY JAVENTIA BALL, Deceased,
and on behalf of All Wrongful Death Beneficiaries**

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:16CV176-GHD-RP

CANYON BOYKIN, *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

**OFFICER CANYON BOYKIN'S OBJECTION TO PAYMENT OF ANY
AMOUNT OF MONEY ON HIS BEHALF AT THE UPCOMING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE TO SETTLE THE FALSE CLAIMS AGAINST HIM**

COMES NOW Officer Canyon Boykin, one of the Defendants herein, and would state as follows:

1. Officer Boykin has been falsely accused in this case of the wrongful death of Mr. Ricky Ball. Officer Boykin shot Mr. Ball in self-defense when Mr. Ball slowed and turned back towards Officer Boykin with a pistol in his right hand as if to shoot Officer Boykin.

2. There is also a companion criminal case pending against Officer Boykin in which he has been wrongfully charged with manslaughter.

3. The shooting incident that this case is about has been extensively covered by the local and national media.

4. Officer Boykin previously agreed to two very small settlement offers made on behalf of all of the Defendants in this case because the Court's Order required the parties to make two settlement offers before the upcoming settlement conference. Both of those offers were rejected by the Plaintiff.

4. Payment of any significant amount of money to the Plaintiff on Officer Boykin's behalf could very well have an adverse effect on the jury pool for his criminal case. The press interpretation and tone of coverage would likely cause members of the jury pool to mistakenly believe that, because Mr. Ball's heir recovered a significant amount of money in the civil case from Officer Boykin, then Officer Boykin must be guilty. Officer Boykin is obviously innocent of these false charges, and any significant settlement purportedly paid on his behalf would interfere with his constitutional rights to have a fair and impartial jury in his criminal case, free of avoidable adverse pre-trial publicity.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED Officer Boykin hereby objects to the settlement of the claims against him in this lawsuit for the reasons stated. Officer Boykin does not object should the other Defendants decide, because of the Plaintiff's allegations against them, that it is in their best interest to settle the case as long as the settlement release does not include Officer Boykin and no money is paid on his behalf.

Respectfully submitted, this the 28th day of August, 2018.

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